Ahlul Hadeeth

An Attributive Name & Consensus

50 Statements Concerning The Ahlul Hadeeth

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Hafs bin Ghiyath (d.194H), Yahyaa ibn Sa'eed al-Qattaan (d.198H), Shaafi'ee (d.204H), Muhammad bin Yoosuf al-Faryaabee (d.212H), Abu Ubaid (d.224H), Alee ibn al-Madeenee (d.234H), Qutaibah Ibn Saeed (d.240H), Ahmad ibn Hanbal (d.241H), Bukhaari (d.256H), al-Juzjaani (d.259H), Ahmad bin Sinaan (d.259H), Muslim (d.261H), al-Ejlee (d.261H), Abu Dawood (d.275H), Ibn Qutaibah (d.276H), Abu Haatim ar-Raazee (d.277H), Tirmidhee (d.279H), Ibn Abee Aasim (d.287H), Ja'afar bin Muhammad al-Faryaabee(d.301H), Nasaa'ee (d.303H), Ibn Khuzaimah (d.311H), Abu Awaanah (d.316H), Abu Bakr bin Abee Dawood (d.316H), Ibn al-Mundhir (d.318H), Ibn al-Munaadee (d.336H), Ibn Hibbaan (d.354H), Abu Bakr al-A'ajurree (d.360H), Raamehrmuzee (d.360H), Abu Bakr al-Isma'eelee (d.371H), Abu Ahmad Haakim (d.378H), Ibn Shaheen (d.385H), al-Haakim (d.405H), Abdul Qaahir bin Taahir al-Baghdaadee (d.429H), Abu Na'eem Asbahaanee (d.430H), Muhammad bin Alee as-Sooree (d.441H), Abdur Rahmaan as-Saboonee (d.449H), al-Baihaqee (d.458H), Khateeb al-Baghdaadee (d.463H), Ibn Abdul Barr (d.463H) , Nasr bin Ibraaheem al-Maqdisee (d.490H), Shairawiyyah ad-Dailaamee (d.509H), Ismaaeel bin Muhammad al-Asbaahanee (d.535H), Ibn Rasheed al-Fehree (d.721h), Ibn Taymiyyah (d.728H), Ibn al-Qayyim (d.751H), Ibn Muflih (d.763H), Ibn Katheer (d.774H), Ibn as-Salaah (d.806H), Muhammad bin Ismaa'eel as-Sanaa'anee (d.840H), Suyootee (d.911H)

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This is yet another publication of Maktabah Ashaabul Hadeeth and Maktabah Imaam Badee ud deen with regards to who the Ahlul Hadeeth were and some insight into their existence. In recent times certain mu'tassab and bigoted quarters have claimed the Ahlul Hadeeth are a new sect or group who were created by the British or only came into existence during the time of Shaikh Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhaab which is nothing but a despicable fallacy.

This treatise shows the ideology and heritage of the Ahlul Hadeeth and sheds some light into their understanding as to who they were. This treatise also shows the understanding via the statements of these great Hadeeth Masters in distinguishing and making a clear difference in the manhaj of Ahlul Hadeeth and the Ahlur Rayy ie the hanafees and the Hanafee Madhab, this difference is old and well established. This treatise also shows there were other prevalent methodologies throughout various times which the Scholars of Ahlul Hadeeth refuted and rebuked by saying, *"They or was not Ahlul Hadeeth."* They also showed manifest signs that the only way of Islaam was the way of Ahlul Hadeeth and Ahlus Sunnah Wal-Jama'ah.

This treatise also serves the purpose to show people in this era still ascribe to this methodology and promote this Salafee Manhaj. However certain quarters and groups in their premature understanding and hidden animosity for the Ahlul Hadeeth have assumed we claim to be the actual Ahlul Hadeeth group the great scholars of Hadeeth alluded to, then this is a horrendous lie and a total baseless accusation.

We clearly say without any hesitation or shyness that we aspire and aim to traverse the path or the way of the Ahlul Hadeeth in every aspect and in this way hope to be upon the way of the saved and victorious group. This opposes those who dont even claim to be upon the way of Ahlul Hadeeth let alone using terms like Salafee or Ahlul Hadeeth for themselves, in fact on the contrary they say we are just Hanafees or just a Muslim, which is fine by all means but then dont levy false accusations against those who aspire and intend to be upon the way of the first three blessed generations, ie the Salaf us-Saaliheen and the way of the Ahlul Hadeeth.

Furthermore in recent times the Scholars of the indian sub continent who have and are still continuing upon this way have had to face some old and generalised assumptions made against them, which indeed is a deficient attempt to smear their efforts with regards to their constant strife and struggle in promoting and propagating the pristine teachings of the Quraan and Hadeeth upon the manhaj of the Salaf us-Saaleh.

This is not the time or place to address these issues and stupid allegations but just to inform the dear readers in how the non Ahlul Hadeeth (the muqallideen) and this new group of people who have tainted and polluted the clear and blessed Salafee Manhaj in hiding behind the garb of Ahlus Sunnah and Ahlul Hadeeth and presenting themselves to be upon this way. So please be aware and adhere to the way which is known, established and given approval by the great Hadeeth Masters and Scholars who spent hundreds and hundreds of years clarifying this way and manhaj.

The same old allegation which raised its ugly head 10-15 years

ago that there are no Scholars in the sub continent has yet again seen a resurgence. This is such an ignorant and illerate allegation by the juhaal that it seems worthy and warrants a mentioning.

Some juhaal have been raising and promoting these allegations whereas this is synonymous in spitting at the sun and no doubt the statement of these juhaal doctors working in hospitals and those who are known, accused and convicted fraudsters stink and wreak with the foul stench in their animosity and hatred for the Ahlul Hadeeth wherever they maybe from.

Alhamdulillah and glorified be He, Allaah Alone, the Salafiee Scholars, Ahlus Sunnah and Ahlul Hadeeth wherever they maybe from, we love them, revere them and promote them as they are the inheritors of the prophets from all the different lands. We love and revere them because they promote the divine teachings of the Quraan and Sunnah based upon the manhaj of the Salaf us-Saaleh and this is the reason and this reason alone why we love, revere and promote them.

These juhaal doctors and fraudsters wanting to get famous for making bold statements and then not having the audacity as men, to make their claim openly is definetly a sign of ignorance and harbouring enmity for the Ahlul Hadeeth. So these ignorant and bewildered doctors, his errand boys, fraudsters, those writing books and naming them as 'The Evidences' should all educate themselves and drop their animosity for the Ahlul Hadeeth.

In our times those who constantly profess hatred and enmity for the Ahlul Hadeeth and from their likes are GF Haddaad, Abul Hasan Hussain Ahmed, the school teacher, his errand and runarond boys from

the likes of Abu Zahra/Faqir/Irfan Alawi and others. Very recently Abu Zahra sent a comment to www.Ahlulhadeeth.wordpress.com and he said, and we quote, **"watch out as we step up the gears on the Ahlul-HADATH…"** This is clear hatred and villification for the Ahlul Hadeeth and uttering such statements and saying the Ahlul Hadeeth are the people of filth or impurity is nothing but pure and clear hatred for the Ahlul Hadeeth and their way.

Imaam Ahmad bin Sinaan al-Wasitee (d.259H), said, *"there are no people of innovation in this world except that they have enmity for the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Ma'arifah Uloom al-Hadeeth) and the statement and position of Imaam Ahmad ibn Hanbal is famous that when someone spoke ill and bad of the Ahlul Hadeeth he left their gathering whilst shrugging his clothes as a sign of dropping and leaving everything. At another instance when someone informed Imaam Ahmad that an individual speaks ill and belittles the Ahlul Hadeeth he said to the person the one says this is a heretical apostate and he repeated it three times. So do we say about the likes of Abu Zahra and Abul Hasan Hussain Ahmed who speak ill of the Ahlul Hadeeth!!!!!!

The treatise in hand by Shaikh Zubair Alee Za'ee is a compilation of the statements showing the position and status of the Ahlul Hadeeth and all those who adhere to their way and a reprimand and reminder to those who oppose or those who abstain and dismiss their way. May Allaah reward the Shaikh for his efforts and increase his reward. Ameen.

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We are presenting 50 statements from the pious predecessors which prove the title and distinguishing and attributive name of Ahlul Hadeeth that it is absolutely correct and there is consensus upon it.

(1) Imaam Bukhaari (d.256H)

Imaam Bukhaari said concerning the victorious group, *"ie they are the Ahlul Hadeeth."* (Masalah al-Ihtijaaj Baa ash- Shaafi'ee Lil-Khateeb (pg.47), The chain is authentic, al-Hujjah Fee Bayaan al-Muhajjah (1/246)

Imaam Bukhaari has mentioned from Yahyaa ibn Sa'eed al-Qattaan concerning a narrator, *"He was not from the people of hadeeth."* (Ahlul Hadeeth) At-Taarekh al-Kabeer (6/429), adh-Dhua'faa as-Sagheer no.281)

(2) Imaam Muslim (d.261H)

Imaam Muslim said concerning disparaged narrators, *"They are accused (ie disparaged remarks pertaining to hadeeth.) according to the Ahlul Hadeeth."* (Saheeh Muslim, al-Muqaddimah (pg.6) before the first chapter, another edition (1/5)

Imaam Muslim further said, *"We have explained the Madhab of Ahlul Hadeeth and its people."* (Saheeh Muslim, al-Muqaddimah (pg.6) before the first chapter, another edition (1/5)

Imaam Muslim said concerning, Ayoob as-Sakhtiyaanee, Ibn A'un, Maalik ibn Anas, Shu'bah bin al-Hajjaaj, Yahyaa ibn Sa'eed al- Qattaan, Abdur-Rahman ibn Mahdee and those who came after them as, *"They*

are the Ahlul Hadeeth." (Saheeh Muslim, al-Muqaddimah (pg.22) Chapter the correct deduction of al-MAanAan, another edition (1/26), another edition (1/23)

(3) Imaam Shaafi'ee (d.204H)

Imaam Muhammad bin Idrees as-Shaafi'ee said concerning a weak narration, *"Something similar is not established according to the Ahlul Hadeeth."* (As-Sunan al-Kubraa of Baihaqee (1/260), the chain is authentic)

Imaam Shaaf'iee also said, *"Whenever I see a man from the Ashaabul (People/companions) of Hadeeth then it is as if I have seen the Prophet (Sallalahu Alayhee Wasallam) alive."* (Sharf Ashaabul Hadeeth of Khateeb (no.85) the chain is authentic.)

(4) Imaam Ahmad ibn Hanbal (d.241H)

Imaam Ahmad bin Hanbal was asked concerning the victorious group, he replied, *"If the victorious group are not the Ashaabul Hadeeth then I do not know who is."* (Ma'arifah Uloom al-Hadeeth of Haakim (pg.2 no.3) the chain is good and Ibn Hajr authenticated it in Fath ul-Baari (13/293) under hadeeth (no.7311)

(5) Imaam Yahyaa ibn Sa'eed al-Qattaan (d.198H)

Imaam Yahyaa ibn Sa'eed al-Qattaan said concerning Suliemaan bin Tarkhaan at-Taymee, *"Taymee according to us is from amongst the Ahlul Hadeeth."* (Musnad Alee bin Ja'ad (1/594) hadeeth no. 1354 and the chain is authentic, another edition (no. 1314), al-Jarh Wat-Ta'deel of Ibn Abee Haatim (4/125) and the chain is authentic)

Concerning another narrator of hadeeth, Imraan bin Qudaamah al-Ummee, Yahyaa al-Qattaan said, *"But he was not from the Ahlul Hadeeth."* (al-Jarh Wat-Ta'deel (6/303) the chain is authentic.)

(6) Imaam Tirmidhee (d.279H)

Imaam Tirmidhee said about a narrator by the name of Abu Zaid, *"and the man Abu Zaid is unknown according to Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Sunan Tirmidhee (no.88)

(7) Imaam Abu Dawood (d.275H)

Imaam Abu Dawood as-Sijastaanee said, *"According to the normal Ahlul Hadeeth."* (Risaalah Abee Dawood Ilaa Makkah Fee Wasaf as-Sunnah (pg.30), manuscript form (pg.1)

(8) Imaam Nasaa'ee (d.303H)

Imaam Nasaa'ee said, *"and there is benefit for the people of Islaam and from amongst them are, the Ahlul Hadeeth the ones with knowledge, fiqh and Quraan."* (Sunan Nasaa'ee (7/135 no 4147), at-Ta'aleeqaat as-Salafiyyah (no.4152)

(9) Imaam Ibn Khuzaimah (d.311H)

Imaam Muhammad ibn Ishaaq bin Khuzaimah al- Neesaabooree said concerning a hadeeth, *"We have not seen any differences amongst the Ahlul Hadeeth and this report is authentic in terms of being narrated."* (Saheeh Ibn Khuzaimah (1/21 no.31)

(10) Imaam Ibn Hibbaan (d.354H)

Haafidh Muhammad bin Hibbaan al-Bustee established the following chapter heading for a hadeeth, *"In mentioning the hadeeth by which some of the Mu'attilah (those who deny Allaahs attributes) censure the Ahlul Hadeeth because they are deprived from divine guidance in relation to its correct meaning."* (Saheeh Ibn Hibbaan, al-Ehsaan (no.566), another edition (no.565)

At another instance Haafidh Ibn Hibbaan mentioned the following attribute of the Ahlul Hadeeth, *"They act upon the Sunnah, defend it and annihilate its opponents."* (Saheeh Ibn Hibbaan, al-Ehsaan (no.6129), another edition (no.6162) also refer to (1/140 before hadeeth no (61)

(11) Imaam Abu Awaanah (d.316H)

Imaam Abu Awanaah Isfarainee concerning an issue says to Imaam Muzanee, *"There is difference of opinion amongst the Ahlul Hadeeth (the people of Hadeeth)"* (Musnad Abee Awaanah 1/49)

(12) Imaam Ahmad bin Abdullah bin Saaleh al-Ejlee (d.261H)

Imaam Ahmad bin Abdullah bin Saaleh al-Ejlee said concerning Imaam Sufyaan Ibn Uyainah *"So some of the Ahlul Hadeeth say he is the most established (ie trustworthy) from amongst the people about the Hadeeth of az-Zuhree."* (Ma'rifatuth-Thiqaat 1/417 no.631 and no.577 in another edition)

(13) Imaam Abu Abdullah al-Haakim an-Neesabooree (d.405H)

Imaam Abu Abdullah al-Haakim an-Neesabooree said concerning Imaam Yahya Ibn Maeen, *"The Imaam of Ahlul Hadeeth."* (al-Mustadrak 1/198 no.710)

(14) Imaam Abu Ahmad Haakim al-Kabeer (d.378H)

He wrote a book called the Shi'aar Ahlul Hadeeth (Signs of Ahlul Hadeeth).

(15) Imaam Muhammad bin Yoosuf al-Faryaabee (d.212H)

He said, "*we saw Sufyaan ath-Thawree in koofah and we were a group of Ahlul Hadeeth*" (al-Jarh wat-Tadeel 1/60, the chain is authentic)

(16) Imaam Ja'afar bin Muhammad al-Faryaabee (d.301H)

He said concerning Ibraheem bin Moosaa al-Wasdoolee, *"and his son is from the Ahlul Hadeeth and he his name is Ishaaq"* (al-Kaamil of Ibn Adiyy 1/271, another edition 1/440, and it's chain is authentic)

(17) Imaam Abu Haatim ar-Raazee (d.277H)

Imaam Abu Haatim ar-Raazee a famous Imaam of Asmaa ur-Rijaal said, *"and anything the Ahlul Hadeeth agree on constitutes evidence"* (Kitaab al-Maraaseel pg.192, no.703)

(18) Imaam Abu Ubaid al-Qaasim bin Salaam (d.224H)

He said concerning a report, *"so some of the Ahlul Hadeeth take*

from this" (Kitaab at-Tahoor pg.173 of Abee Ubaid, al-Awsth of Ibn al-Mundhir 1/265)

(19) Imaam Abu Bakr bin Abee Dawood (d.316H)

The son the great Imaam and author of Sunan Abee Dawood who is truthful according the great majority said, *"and do not be from those who toy with their religion for you may become from those who curse and criticise the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Kitaab ash-Shareeah (pg.975) of Imaam Muhammad bin al-Hussain al-Aajurree, and it's chain is authentic)

(20) Imaam Ahmad bin Amr bin Dhihaak bin Mukhlad Ibn Abee Aasim (d.287H)

Imaam Ibn Abee Aasim said about a narrator, *"he is a man from the Ahlul Hadeeth and he is trustworthy"* (al-Ahaad Wal-Mathaanee 1/428 no.604)

(21) Haafidh Abu Hafs Umar Ibn Shaheen (d.385H)

He has mentioned the statement of Imaam Yahyaa al-Qattaan concerning Imraan al-U'ama, *"he was however not from the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Taarekh Asmaa ath-Thiqaat no.1084)

(22) Abu Ishaaq Ibraheem bin Yaqoob al-Juzjaanee (d.259H)

He said, *"and then this well known amongst the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Ahwaal ar-Rijaal pg.43 no.10 also refer to pg.214)

(23) Imaam Ahmad bin Sinaan al-Wasitee (d.259H)

He said, *"there are no people of innovation in this world except that they have enmity for the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Ma'arifah Uloom al-Hadeeth of Haakim pg.4 no.6 and the chain is authentic)

So we find whoever has enmity for the people of Hadeeth or he speaks bad about the Ahlul Hadeeth then he is an innovator.

(24) Imaam Alee bin Abdullah al-Madeenee (d.234H)

The teacher of Imaam Bukhaari, whilst explaining a narration said, *"so he is Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Sunan Tirmidhee no.2229, A'aridahtul-Ahwazee 9/74)

(25) Imaam Qutaibah Ibn Saeed (d.240H)

he said, *"when I see someone loving the Ahlul Hadeeth then he is upon the Sunnah"* (Sharf Ashaabul Hadeeth no.143 and it's chain is authentic)

(26) Imaam Qutaibah ad-Deenawari (d.276H)

The scholar of Hadeeth the truthful, Imaam Qutaibah ad-Deenawari (d.276h) authored a book, *"Ta'weel Mukhtaliful-Hadeeth Fee Radd A'daa Ahlul Hadeeth"* and in it he has severely refuted the enemies of Ahlul Hadeeth.

(27) Imaam Ahmad bin al-Hussain al-Baihaqi (d.458H)

He wrote that Maalik bin Anas, Awzaa'ee, Sufyaan ath-Thawree, Sufyaan Ibn Uyainah, Hamaad Ibn Zayd, Hamaad Ibn Salamah, Shaafiee, Ahmad, Ishaaq Ibn Rahawaihah were all from the Ahlul Hadeeth. (Kitaab

al-Eitiqaad wa Bidaayah Ilaa Sabeel ur-Rishaad pg.180 of Baihaqi)

(28) Imaam Abu Bakr Ahmad bin Ibraheem al-Isma'eelee (d.371H)

He said concerning a narrator, *"he was not from the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Kitaab al-Mu'ajam 1/469 no.121)

(29) Imaam Khateeb al-Baghdaadee (d.463H)

He authored a book on the virtue of the Ahlul Hadeeth called '*Sharf Ashaabul Hadeeth*' and there is another book titled *'Naseehah Ahlul Hadeeth'* (refer to Taareekh Baghdaad 1/224 no.51)

(30) Imaam Abu Na'eem Asbahaanee (d.430H)

He said concerning a narrator *"his troublemaking is not hidden from the scholars of Ahlul Hadeeth"* (al-Mustakharj Ala Saheeh Muslim 1/67 no.89)

He further said, *"and Shaafiee has leaned towards the madhab of Ahlul Hadeeth"* (Hilyatul Auliyaa 9/112)

(31) Haafidh Muhammad bin Ibraheem bin al-Mundhir an-Neesabooree (d.318H)

He said concerning his companions and Imaam ash-Shaafiee that they were Ahlul Hadeeth. (al-Awsth 2/307, no.915)

(32) Imaam Abu Bakr Muhammad bin al-Hussain al-A'ajurree (d.360H)

He said, *"this is advice to my brothers from the people of the Quraan and the Ahlul Hadeeth, the people of fiqh and other than them from amongst the Muslims"* (ash-Sharee'ah pg.3 and pg.7 another edition)

(33) Haafidh Yoosuf bin Abdullah bin Muhammad Ibn Abdul Barr (d.463H)

He said, *"a group from amongst the Ahlul Hadeeth said…."* (at-Tamheed 1/16)

(34) Haafidh Ibn Taymiyyah al-Harranee (d.728H)

He said in answering a question, *"all praise be to Allah, so Bukhaari and Abu Dawood were the Imams of fiqh and ijtihaad and as for Imaams Muslim, Tirmidhee, Nasaa'ee, Ibn Maajah, Ibn Khuzaimah, Abu Ya'ala and Bazzaar all of them were upon the Madhab of Ahlul Hadeeth and none of them were muqallids of any particular Imaam nor were they mujtahid mutlaqs"* (Majmoo'a Fataawa 20/40)

(35) Shaikh Ibn Rasheed al-Fehree (d.721h)

He said concerning the major scholars eg Imaam Ayoob as-Sakhtiyaanee, *"they were from the Ahlul Hadeeth"* (as-Sunan al-Abayn pg.119 and pg.124)

(36) Haafidh Ibn al-Qayyim (d.751H)

He said in his famous Qasedah Nooniyyah *"Oh you who have hatred and abuse the Ahlul Hadeeth, glad tidings to you for your friendship with Shaytaan."* (al-Kaafiyya ash-Shaafiyyah Fee Intisaar al-Firqatun-Naajiyyah pg.99)

(37) Haafidh Ismaa'eel Ibn Katheer ad-Dimashqi (d.774H)

He said in his explanation to verse no 71 of Soorah Banee Israaeel (17) **"And remember) the Day when We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) imaams** "*"Some of the Salaf have said this is the greatest virtue of the Ashaabul-Hadeeth (ie the people of Hadeeth) that their Imaam will be Prophet (Sallalahu Alayhee Wasallam)"* (Tafseer Ibn Katheer 4/164)

(38) Imaam Ibn al-Munaadee al-Baghdaadee (d.336H)

He said concerning Qaasim bin Zakariyyah Yahyaal-Matraz, *"He is from the Ahlul Hadeeth and he is truthful"* (Taareekh Baghdaad 12/441 no6910 and its chain is sound)

(39) Imaam Shairawiyyah bin Shehrdaar ad-Dailaamee (d.509H)

The famous historian of Dailam he said concerning Abdur Rahmaan bin Ahmad bin Abduth-Thaqafee al-Hamdaanee in his book of history, *"The general people of Ahlul Hadeeth from our land have narrated from him and he was trustworthy and strong and firm"* (Siyaar A'laam an-Nabula 14/438)

(40) Imaam Abu Abdullah Muhammad bin Alee bin Abdullah bin Muhammad as-Sooree (d.441H)

He was the Famous Imaam of Baghdaad he said, *"Say to those who hate the Hadeeth and its People and speak ill of them what are you saying*

to knowledge, if it is from ignorance then being ignorant is from the stupid one,s Do you speak ill of those who saved the religion from baseless and futile things." (Tadhkirratul-Huffadh 3/1117 no.1002 sound chain, (Siyaar A'laam an-Nabula 14/438), al-Muntadham 15/324 of Ibn al-Jawzee)

(41) Imaam Suyootee (d.911H)

He said in explanation of the verse. **"And remember) the Day when We shall call together all human beings with their (respective) Imam (Sooralal-Israa 17:71)** *"There is no better virtue for the Ahlul Hadeeth than that because there is no other Imaam for the Ahlul Hadeeth other than the Messenger of Allaah (Sallalahu Alayhee Wasallam)"* (Tadreeb ur-Raawee 2/126)

(42) Imaam Ismaaeel bin Muhammad bin Fadhal al-Asbaahanee (d.535H)

He said, *"Mention the Ahlul Hadeeth as they are the group upon the truth until the hour is established."* (al-Hujjah Fee Bayaan al-Muhajjah Wa Sharh Aqeedah Ahlus Sunnah 1/246)

(43) Qaadhee Hasan bin Abdur Rahmaan bin Khalaad Raamehrmuzee (d.360H)

He said, *"Allaah has given virtue to the Hadeeth and his blessing to the Ahlul-Hadeeth."* (al-Muhaddith al-Faasil Bayna ar-Raawee wal-Wa'awee pg.159 no.1)

(44) Hafs bin Ghiyath (d.194H)

He was asked concerning the people of Hadeeth ie the Ashaabul

Hadeeth he replied, *"They are the best (ie good) from the people of this world"* (Ma'arifah Uloom al-Hadeeth pg.3 no.3 of Imaam Haakim and its chain is authentic)

(45) Abul Fath Nasr bin Ibraaheem al-Maqdisee (d.490H)

He said, *"Chapter: The virtue of Ahlul Hadeeth"* (al-Hujjah A'la Tareeq al-Muhajjah 1/325)

(46) Abu Abdullah Muhammad bin Muflih al-Maqdisee (d.763H)

He said, *"The Ahlul Hadeeth are the saved group who are established upon the truth"* (al-Adaab ash-Sharee'ah 1/211)

(47) Muhammad bin Ismaa'eel al-Ameer al-Yamaanee (d.840H),

He said, *"upon you (ie to stick) to the virtuous of Ashaabul-Hadeeth (people of Hadeeth) you will find with them all guidance and virtues."* (ar-Raudh al-Baasim Fe Dhab Ann Sunnah Abil-Qaasim 1/146)

(48) Haafidh Ibn as-Salaah d.806H)

After mentioning the conditions for an authentic hadeeth he said, *"This is the hadeeth which is graded to be authentic without any differing amongst the Ahlul Hadeeth."* (Uloom al-Hadeeth well known as Muqaddimah Ibn as-Salaah with Sharh of al-A'raqee pg.20)

(49) Abu Ismaa'eel Abdur Rahmaan bin Ismaa'eel

as-Saboonee (d.449H)

He wrote a book titled, *'Aqeedatus-Salaf Wa Ashaabul Hadeeth'* in it he says, *"The Ahlul Hadeeth have the Aqeedah, they testify Allaah The Glorious is above the seven heavens upon his Throne."* (Aqeedatus-Salaf Ashaabul-Hadeeth pg.14)

(50) Abu Mansoor Abdul Qaahir bin Taahir bin Muhammad al-Baghdaadee (d.429H)

He said concerning the people of Shaam, *"All of them are upon the Madhab of Ahlul Hadeeth from Ahlus-Sunnah"* (Usool ud deen pg.317).

So from these 50 statements we have proved the attributive name of the Muslims is Ahlul Hadeeth as it was for the Muhaajireen, the Ansaar and Ahlus-Sunnah and there is Ijmaa on this permissibility on the usage of this title. Not a single Imaam said it is incorrect to use the term of Ahlul Hadeeth, nor said it is impermissible or said it is an innovation however some Khawaarij and those who sympathise with them hate the title of Ahlul Hadeeth, they say it is an innovation and say it is a sectarian name and make fun of it and by doing so they oppose the ijmaa (consensus) of all of the scholars of hadeeth and the Muslims.

There are many more statements which show evidence for the attributive name of Ahlul Hadeeth or the People of Hadeeth. We also find from the clarifications from the scholars of hadeeth and ijmaa that the title of Ahlul Hadeeth is of scholars of Hadeeth and the general Muslims who have sound Aqeedah who act upon the understanding of the Book and Sunnah without taqleed based on the understanding of

the Salaf us-Saaliheen and their beliefs are also in conformation with the Quraan, Sunnah and Ijmaa. Remember Ahlul Hadeeth and Ahlus-Sunnah are names of the one and same group.

Some people of innovation say the Ahlul Hadeeth only refers to the Scholars of Hadeeth whether these scholars are from Ahlus-Sunnah or people of innovation so we say their statement is rejected on the basis of it being contrary to the understanding of the Salaf us-Saaliheen. By accepting this statement of the people of Innovation it necessitates misguided people are also part of the victorious group so this statement being futile and is also apparent to the general people. The Scholars of Hadeeth have themselves clearly said about certain narrators not being from the Ahlul Hadeeth. (refer to statements no's. 5, 21 and 28).

Every innovator in this world hates and has animosity for the Ahlul Hadeeth so does this now mean that every innovator hates himself (because they are included within the victorious group). The truth is only two groups of people are worthy of this attributive title of Ahlul Hadeeth

(1) The people of report hadeeth (ie the scholars of hadeeth)
(2) The people who act upon the hadeeth (ie the scholars of hadeeth and the general people)

Haafidh Ibn Taymiyyah said, *'We do not take the meaning of Ahlul Hadeeth to just mean the people who heard (ahadeeth), wrote them and or conveyed (or narrated them) rather we take the meaning it refers to the one who preserves, knows/*

learns and understands them inwardly and outwardly and follows them inwardly and outwardly and this is the same for the people of the Quraan" (Majmoo'a Fataawa 4/95) of Ibn Taymiyyah

So we find from this clarification of Haafidh Ibn Taymiyyah Ahlul Hadeeth refers to the scholars of hadeeth and the general people. Lastly I would like to add Ahlul Hadeeth is not family based group rather it is an ideology. Anyone who is Ahlul Hadeeth and acts on the Quraan, Sunnah and Ijmaa upon the understanding of the Salaf us-Saaliheen and has belief in this then by calling himself Ahlul Hadeeth or Ahlus Sunnah it does not mean he will enter Paradise especially if he abandons righteous actions and follows his desires. The one who will be saved is the one who respects the Salaf and lives his life based on the Quraan and Sunnah and a label alone will not suffice. Salvation is achieved by purifying the heart and soul, rectifying ones Eemaan and Aqeedah and doing righteous actions and only then he will be the saved. InshaAllaah